

Preliminary Amendment
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Claim 12, Line 3 Please change "any one of claims 1 to 7"
to --claim 1--.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Line 19 Please delete "(Fig.9)".

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends Claim 3 to correct a typographical error, and amends Claims 6, 7, 9, 11, and 12 so that these claims are no longer multiply dependent. The Applicant may elect to amend Claims 6, 7, 9, 11, and 12 to make them again multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims at any time during the pendency of the above-identified U.S. application.

This Preliminary Amendment also amends the Abstract to correct a typographical error.

Respectfully submitted,



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